

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

THIS IS THEIR DEPARTMENT OF THE PAPER.

Quaint Sayings and Cute Doings of the Little Folks Everywhere, Gathered and Printed Here for All Other Little Ones to Read.

Used Mules for Boats.

"One of the funniest situations in which I was ever placed," tells a naval officer, and it will interest children to hear about it, "was while I was on the Waterloo, ten or fifteen years ago. We were lying at anchor near Arequipa, off the coast of Peru, when a great tidal wave suddenly lifted the vessel bodily and landed her high and dry nearly a mile inland and some distance from any settlement. Of course the vessel was badly strained and damaged in various ways, and, equally of course we could do nothing but remain on her and accommodate ourselves as best we could to our changed conditions, which gave rise to all sorts of ridiculous complications.

"For example, while at anchor, if any one wanted to leave the ship, a boat or 'gig,' as they are called, was ordered from the boom to which they were tied, and the person was rowed ashore. We couldn't very well use the boats on land, and so substituted mules for them, as discipline had to be maintained and the regular routine kept up. Then if any one wished to leave the ship it was comical to hear the coxswain gravely shout to a sailor to get a certain 'gig' ready. Accordingly, a mule would be detached, harnessed, and ridden to the side of the vessel, when the sailor would report, with a grin, 'The gig is manned, sir,' and the captain, or whoever was going for a canter (?) would mount and smilingly ride away.

To Get Worms Without Digging.

Walter Sawyer, a professional fisherman, says: "Nobody need work at digging worms for bait unless he is fond of the exercise, for they can be procured in almost any quantity with very little labor whenever they are needed. The process is simple.

"Take a strong stick four or five feet long and sharp at one end, and go to some locality, such as the back of the barn, where the worms are sure to be plentiful.

"Drive the stick four or five inches into the ground with a hammer or stone, and then begin to twist it with a rotary motion.

"Every few minutes hit the top a rap to drive the point further into the ground and keep on twisting.

"In five minutes the worms will begin to crawl out of their holes, and all you have to do is to pick them up and put them in your can.

"They hear the grinding and think it is a mole after them, and know that only on the surface are they safe. So they come out, those nearest to the sound making their appearance first with every evidence of haste and trepidation.

"Sometimes they come up for a distance of fifteen feet from the twisting stick, and in cases where they are plentiful as many as a hundred can be literally scared out of the ground in this manner.

"Some people think a worm has no sense, and they may be right in general, but a worm knows that a mole is its deadliest enemy and will come squirming to the top of the ground any time it hears a mole coming in its direction.

Frances.

I have a Bow-wow. He is very fierce. He says, "Bow-wow" most all the time—at prayers and everywhere. He is made of cloth; I saw him made. My "Ba-ba" stuffed him with cotton, so he wouldn't bite. The cotton has got into his mouth, I guess; so I have to make the barks for him; and they are very loud. He has a pink ribbon around his neck. I'm going to have a kitten when the summer days come. She will say "Meow," but she will not scratch; no, indeed. There is a Bow-wow the other side of the window; he barks; nobody has to bark it for him, he does it himself. I suppose the cotton did not get into his mouth. He has legs, and runs; but my Bow-wow sits on his legs all the time. My Bow-wow is the bestest; he doesn't run away, and he doesn't bite me. My Ba-ba can make better dogs than the ones outside the window. Ba-ba is my nurse; other folks call her Cora, but I call her Ba-ba. She is the bestest nurse. She says the Bow-wow on the other side of the window is alive. I don't know what "alive" means; I never saw it. I am glad she didn't put it into my Bow-wow. Sometimes I play he is my pillow; I put my head on him and pretend to go to sleep. Sometimes I pretend he is my doll, and say "Bye," but he can't shut his eyes, cause the cotton is in them.

Amusing and Instructive.

Did you ever think that the same syllable is often used in a great many words? If not, suppose you learn it by playing the following game: Write several words on a long slip of paper, leaving the space of half an inch between the syllables of each word. Then cut out the syllables, assort them and let each player draw three syllables at random. From these three or from any two of them he must try to construct a word. If unable to do so, he must return two to the pack and wait until his turn comes again, when he may draw three more slips and try again.

Needed a Million or So.

All Baba rubbed his eyes. The spectacle dazzled him. "Ah! he suddenly exclaimed, as an idea struck him. Seizing a two-bushel sack he hurriedly filled it with diamonds and

other precious stones from a pile near the entrance of the cave. "If I can sell these things for anywhere near what they are worth," he muttered, "I'll try light housekeeping in a flat again, just for luck."

Asked Pa.

The small boy had been irritating his father with many vexatious questions about a palm he was studying for Sunday school next day.

"Father, what does Selah mean?" was the latest.

"Shut up," said paterfamilias.

"Who knows what the word Selah means?" asked the young superintendent.

The small boy's hand went up.

"Shut up," said the small boy. "I asked papa."

Some Things for a Boy to Learn.

To swim, to walk, to throw straight, to make a fire, to be punctual, to hang up his hat, to help his mother or his sister, to wipe his boots on the mat, to close a door quietly, to go up and down stairs quietly, to read aloud when requested, to remove his hat upon entering a house, to treat the girls so well that they will all wish he was their brother.

Wallie's Catch.

"It's always winter when snow comes," said Wallie, "and fall when rain comes."

"Poh!" said Jackie. "Rain comes in summer and spring, too."

"Yes; but it's fall, just the same," said Wallie. "Rain-fall."

A Pertinent Question.

During a call that little 4-year-old Mary was making with her mother a slice of cake was given her.

"Now, what are you going to say to the lady?" asked the mother.

"Is you dot any more?" asked little Mary, demurely.

Good Advice.

"I'd like to be Napoleon Bonaparte," said Polly.

"Well, you couldn't be, for two reasons," said Bob. "First place, you're a girl, and second place, you're you. Better give up wishing."

He Could Read Anything.

Spencer—How did you manage to decipher those hieroglyphics? Are you an expert?

Ferguson—Yes. I used to put up prescriptions in a drug store.

Envious.

Corporal Crunch (Coxey brigade)—Ah, but I wish I'd been Tip.

Sergeant Bites—Wot, an' been killed?

"But his hide's agoin' to be stuffed."

The Gas Was Already Down.

She—You know papa has failed, and he says that we must begin to economize.

He—Well, we needn't be wearing out two chairs.

Baw-Baw in the South.

"Huh! hit's mighty funny dat de sun shines so much hotter in de corn-dell den on de base-ball groun's."

South American Wheat.

The exports of wheat from Buenos Ayres during the three months ending March 31 were over 1,000,000 bushels, more than double those for the corresponding period of the previous year, and when it is considered that 1893 was the greatest wheat year in the history of the Argentine Republic it means a great deal. The total exports of wheat to Europe and Brazil, last year, surpassed 1,000,000 tons, and for the present year the exports are expected to exceed 2,000,000 tons. In Uruguay, across the river, the same conditions exist, and the crop is so large that the railways cannot furnish sufficient cars to haul it to tide-water. A private letter says that the Central Uruguay railway, which passes through the wheat belt of the country, has filled every available inch of storage room it possesses with wheat in bags, using the engine and coach sheds, the carpenter and repair shops, and even the superfluous room in the station houses along the line. The total crop this year is estimated at more than twice what it was last, and the acreage that is now being ploughed for wheat will make next year's crop five-hundred per cent. larger.—Chicago Record.

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SUMMER GOWNS OF DAINTY DEVICE.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

A Foreign Criticism Which American Women should Take to Heart.

An Englishman remarked recently, with the frankness of his nation, that American women looked as if they did not wash their faces, and that they gave the impression of pushing their stomachs before them.

We may deny the first charge, but we must acknowledge that there is some ground for the second. No person with ordinary powers of observation can fail to notice the way in which many women carry themselves in this respect, especially in these days of plain skirts, belts and shirts, a costume which is admirably calculated to display to the very greatest advantage every defect and awkwardness of the human figure. No friendly drapery hides the ugly lines, and in many cases they are very ugly indeed.

Of course it is often the fault of the skirts. Why a bad dressmaker should always insist on cutting a skirt short in front and then let it dip behind like the tail of a bird is a mystery, but she will do it. Now, the average woman is hollow in the back; therefore her skirt should be cut shorter behind than before, and a dressmaker who makes a gown hoop up in front should be imprisoned or fined. Leaving the sins of the dressmakers out of the question, however, the blame rests on the women themselves.

Look at them, standing about at any railroad station or in any shop or public place, ordinary, respectable, middle class women, clad, of course, four-fifths of them, in the prevailing uniform of skirt and shirt waist. They wear this regardless of shape and weight, from the slender young girl to the heavy, middle aged mother of a family.

A survey of them leads me to think that the Englishman was justified in his opinion and that the American stomach is really unduly conspicuous. Thin people are often the worst. One can forgive a stout, motherly looking woman for being ungainly, but when it comes to a thin, angular girl, all bone and muscle, thin without a pound of superfluous flesh anywhere about her, it does seem unnecessary, and it is.

There is no need of it at all. It is just as easy to have a straight line from the waist down as not to have it. If the slouching sisters will only learn to throw the weight of their bodies where it belongs, there will be no cause for criticism. It is a great deal easier when you get used to it to stand in the way that nature intended than to stand with your weight resting on your heels, your backbone bent all out of shape and your chin stuck out at an angle of 45 degrees. That is a great part of the trouble to keep your chin back. That rebellious chin thrown forward brings your whole body in an awkward position. Practice before your looking glass, stand in your usual way and see where a straight line drawn from your head down would come.

It ought to go through the ball of the foot. Then the stomach will retire into proper perspective, the chest will come out properly, and the back will take care of itself. It will not take many trials to convince you of the advantages of this manner of standing, and a little observation of others will show you what you need. Everybody knows that Queen Victoria is dumpy, short and plain. But yet she holds herself with so much dignity that she looks like a queen. How would she look if she leaned on her spine as if it were the back of a rocking chair, as many of us do? American women have much to learn from their tight laced, flat backed, high headed English sisters.

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A Soldier's Brave Deed.

In the latter part of December, 1862, when small detachments were scattered along the line of the railroad from Columbus, Ky., to Holly Springs, Miss., guarding the bridges and trestle work, the following incident took place, which for cool courage exceeded anything that came to my attention during my three years of service:

After the capture of Holly Springs, Miss., General Forrest's cavalry made a raid northward upon the line of railroad and captured every station between Jackson, Tenn., and Columbus, Ky., except a small detachment of some seventy-five men who were guarding the bridge and trestle across the Obion River, about ten miles north of Jackson, Tenn. This detachment was composed of parts of Companies H and I of the 106th Illinois Infantry, and was commanded by Captain P. W. Harts, now of Springfield, Ill., and Captain John Shockey, now of Nevada, Mo.

After the attack on Jackson and the capture of Col. Ingersoll and part of the 11th Illinois Cavalry, a detachment of some 500 men with two pieces of artillery was sent by Gen. Forrest against the handful of men guarding Obion bridge. The Federal guard had hastily built a rude blockhouse directly under the trestle, determined to make the best possible defense. Promptly at 1 o'clock, on Dec. 23, the station north of the river was surrounded by some 500 rebel cavalry, who dismounted and made a desperate effort to capture the guard and destroy the bridge and trestle, and thus break railroad communication with Jackson. Here the unequal battle raged until the middle of the afternoon. The shrieking shells and swishing shot crashed through the heavy timber surrounding the fort. Capture seemed inevitable. Reinforcements could only be hoped for from Jackson. It was decided that some one should venture to leave the fort, climb the open trestle some fifteen feet high, and run over the trestle for several hundred yards across the trestle and bridge to secure reinforcements.

This task was solicited by Sergeant Henry Fox of Company H. Hand over hand he gained the top of the trestle and then with a regular double-quick he ran from tie to tie across this dreadful line. The enemy from both sides of the road, shot at him, and while his clothes bore ample evidence of the danger he had run he was untouched. Fortunately the fire from the fort was too dangerous to permit the enemy to bring their artillery through the woods within range of the fort, and from the distance the heavy timber obstructed the shot. The station was not captured; the bridge was saved. Reinforcements arrived at dark after the enemy had withdrawn. Sergeant Fox was promoted to a captain in the United States colored troops, where he served until the close of the war.

He now lives as an honored citizen of Dwight, Ill.—American Tribune.

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